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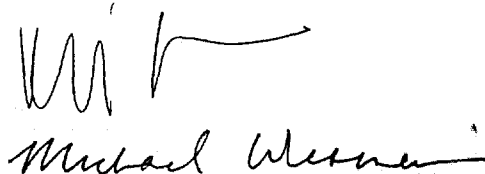
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I am writing to express my opposition to the cruel molting practices used by egg farmers. This method of starving hens to they produce more eggs is both cruel and dangerous to humans. It's cruel because the hens are starved for as long a two weeks and are also deprived of water. It's dangerous because it harms their immune system thus making them more susceptible to salmonella which results in contaminated eggs.

Simply putting warning labels on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temps is not enough to protect humans from salmonella. The most effective thing to do as well as the most humane, is to eliminate forced molting all together.

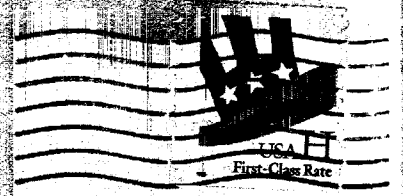
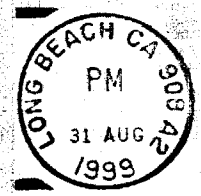
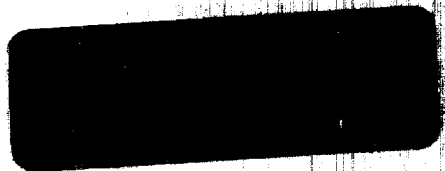
A reply is requested.

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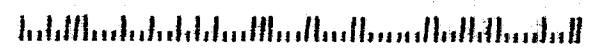
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